

NWSS 2016

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February 2016

The 2016 National Western Stock Show is a wrap. Results link and photos can be found throughout this issue. While the number of animals entered was down, the quality may have been the best ever, which is certainly the objective.

The Galloway are in the Yards at Denver, which means the exhibitors are outside all day every day. And again this year, the weather was our friend. Mornings could be chilly, but temperatures reached into the 40's each day, often with that splendid high altitude sunshine for some solar heat.

Traffic through the yards was heavy this year. I personally enjoyed talking with a significant number of people from multiple states, and two Canadian provinces. I found myself wishing I weren't

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Lined up and waiting. A collection of several breeders' Galloway cattle await their turn in the ring. Lorna Riemer does a last minute inspection on some Bar R cattle.

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GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

HB CLAIRE 4715

BLEGEN GALLOWAYS

KINDRED, ND

RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

WV PRINCESS C200

WILLOW VALLEY GALLOWAYS

CHICKASHA, OK



2016 NWSS



GRAND CHAMPION BULL

HB BRUNO 1474

BLEGEN GALLOWAYS

KINDRED, ND

RESERVE CHAMPION BULL

HB CLASSIFIED 3405

BLEGEN GALLOWAYS,

KINDRED, ND



CHAMPIONS

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quite so busy with the cattle grooming duties that were interfering with some very interesting conversations about Galloway cattle! Did you know this is a role you can play by attending the Denver events, even without cattle? Yes, you can serve as educational liaisons to visitors in the Yards! Today's beef industry needs much of what Galloway genetics bring to the table, and *every breeder* has a role to play in the promotion of these cattle.

For anyone in the market for foundation genetics, there were a lot of foundation-quality animals on display. If you couldn't make it to Denver, contact the breeders who were there. They may still have some top drawer stock available. Quality. Quality. Quality.

On Sunday morning, all of the Galloway were weighed and hip height recorded. Many of the entries were also evaluated by ultrasound, and those results are reprinted on page 8 of this issue. The top three placements in the both classes of heifer calves and bull calves are included in this issue on pages 10 and 11.

Complete show results can be found at <http://results.nationalwestern.com/livestock/results.aspx> and from there select **Yards Breeding Cattle**, then **Galloway**.

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS!

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

CHAMPION - MADISON SCHUMACHER (MT)

RESERVE - MIRANDA HAYES (KS)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

CHAMPION - ELLIE MEEKS (MT)

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IN THE YARDS 2016

Eli Berry, Chuck Cole, Clay Salter, Crystal Blake



Cali O'Hara, Shawn, Roman and Joe Schumacher, Russ Waples.



Miranda Hayes, Left. Russ Waples, Right.
Crazy Clipper Lady, Center



Darrell Riemer,
Bar R
Galloways,
demonstrates
the
'Minnesota
lariat'



Hank Blegen



Darrell Riemer and Bob Airth catching up.

Patti Blake and Harley Blegen enter the Show Barn



Jon Brown, Right



NCBA

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to the winners of the
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Drawings!

**Chris Billings (VT)
Cynthia Lester (LA)
& Sandy Fleck (IA)**

Below: Chuck and Cathy
Cole, Mary and Eli Berry
staff the booth at the
NCBA Tradeshow.



Left: Visitors to
the AGBA booth
receive infor-
mation from Eli
and Chuck



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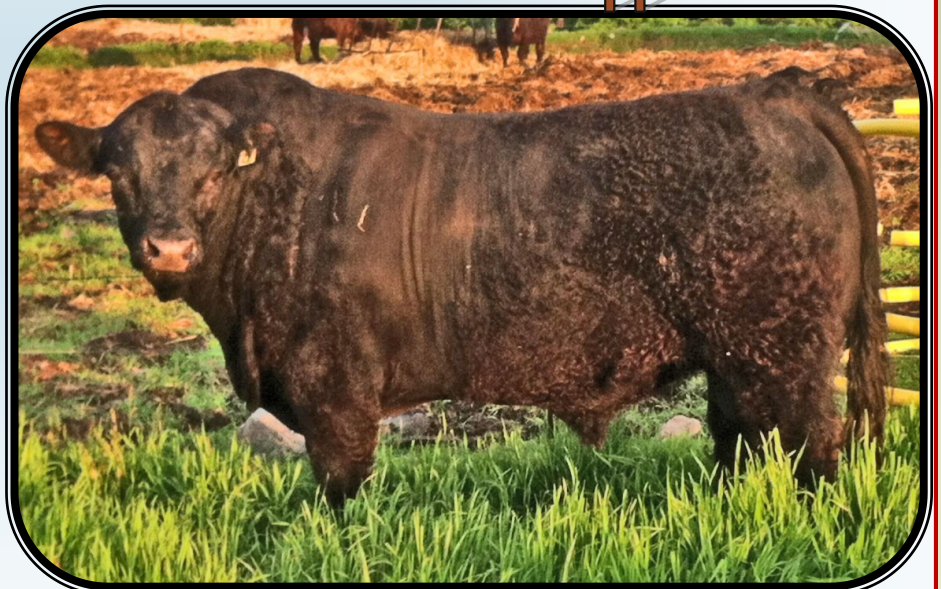
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AGBA participates in 2016 NCBA Convention Trade Show

Eli Berry

Chuck and Cathy Cole, and Eli and Mary Berry represented the AGBA at the NCBA Convention Trade Show Jan. 27-29th in San Diego, CA. NCBA reported that over 6,600 attendees registered for the annual Convention.

We had a lot of interested cattlemen and cattlegwomen stop by the AGBA booth to find out more information about Galloways. We had a good time explaining all the good attributes of the Galloway breed. Many stated that, "Grandpa used to have Galloways" or "my neighbor had Galloways". In our booth we had directories, brochures, ice scrapers, and can koosies to hand out to our visitors. There was a video about Galloways playing on a laptop for interested cattlemen to view. The AGBA also had a drawing for Cabela's gift cards, and this generated names to contact with additional information about Galloway breed. We had visitors from most all states of the US from the east coast to the west coast and Hawaii. We visited with cattlemen from Canada and Australia as well.

There were cattlemen representing all phases of the industry visiting the trade show. We visited with large and small seedstock producers, commercial cattlemen, grass fed beef producers, and heritage breed producers, and other trade show vendors.

This being the third show the AGBA has attended we felt this show generated the most interest of the three.

Promoting

GALLOWAY

1	Bar R Galloways	Bar R Hilda 16C	Female	9.85	1.54	0.39	3.21	0.18
	Rierner, Darrell	Birth Date:	4/3/15					
	Weight: 638	Height: 45 1/4						
2	Bar R Galloways	Bar R Fern 22C	Female	10.73	1.53	0.43	3.04	0.19
	Rierner, Darrell	Birth Date:	1/25/15					
	Weight: 702	Height: 46 1/2						
3	Bar R Galloways	Bar R Caesar	Male	12.19	1.75	0.46	2.24	0.15
	Rierner, Darrell	Birth Date:	4/13/15					
	Weight: 696	Height: 46 1/2						
5	Bar R Galloways	1503	Female	9.54	1.50	0.39	2.03	0.20
	Rierner, Darrell	Birth Date:	5/19/15					
	Weight: 637	Height: 44 3/4						
6	Blegen Galloways	HB Blossom 3344	Female	14.73	1.18	0.48	5.93	0.30
		Birth Date:	2/28/14					
	Weight: 1247	Height: 51 1/4						
7	Blegen Galloways	HB Cheyenne 1295	Female	11.60	1.54	0.39	3.27	0.35
		Birth Date:	2/9/15					
	Weight: 754	Height: 45 3/4						
8	Blegen Galloways	HB Claire 4715	Female	13.17	1.64	0.44	3.73	0.45
		Birth Date:	2/13/15					
	Weight: 802	Height: 45						
9	Blegen Galloways	HB Classified 3405	Male	13.33	1.44	0.44	3.46	0.23
		Birth Date:	2/22/15					
	Weight: 923	Height: 49 1/2						
10	Blegen Galloways	HB Challenger 5462	Male	11.20	1.25	0.40	2.93	0.27
		Birth Date:	1/30/15					
	Weight: 894	Height: 49						
11	Blegen Galloways	HB Bruno 1474	Male	17.99	1.13	0.52	3.96	0.11
		Birth Date:	3/9/14					
	Weight: 1593	Height: 55						
12	Brass Ring	BR Cordelia 9C	Female	11.61	1.70	0.43	3.25	0.31
		Birth Date:	3/31/15					
	Weight: 682	Height: 45 3/4						
13	Brass Ring	BR Cornelius 18C	Male	11.71	1.55	0.39	2.72	0.19
		Birth Date:	4/10/15					
	Weight: 754	Height: 45 1/2						
14	Brass Ring	BR Cavalier 5C	Male	10.78	1.58	0.37	2.70	0.10
		Birth Date:	3/29/15					
	Weight: 683	Height: 44						
15	Schumacher, Madison	CK Chief 15C	Male	10.70	1.44	0.44	2.45	0.17
		Birth Date:	3/15/15					
	Weight: 744	Height: 46 1/2						
16	Myer, Maci	CK Cosmopolitan 25C	Female	9.84	1.53	0.43	3.65	0.21
		Birth Date:	3/15/15					
	Weight: 641	Height: 46 1/4						
17	CK Galloways	CK Cappriccio 23C	Female	11.88	1.75	0.46	3.55	0.26
		Birth Date:	3/13/15					
	Weight: 680	Height: 45						
19	Renaissance Farms	RFLTD Calamity Jane C4	Female	9.64	1.55	0.34	4.35	0.22
	Decker, Judy	Birth Date:	3/20/15					
	Weight: 621	Height: 43 1/4						
20	Renaissance Farms	RFLTD Bramble B18	Female	12.39	1.51	0.46	3.39	0.32
	Decker, Judy	Birth Date:	10/3/14					
	Weight: 822	Height: 46 1/2						
21	Renaissance Farms	RFLTD Cochise C2	Male	12.35	1.63	0.42	3.18	0.07
	Decker, Judy	Birth Date:	3/10/15					
	Weight: 757	Height: 44 1/4						
23	Suncrest Farms	Suncrest Blossom	Female	11.33	1.03	0.39	4.04	0.17
	Salter/Blake Family	Birth Date:	5/30/14					
	Weight: 1104	Height: 52						
26	Suncrest Farms	Suncrest Carmel	Male	10.77	1.45	0.44	1.52	0.10
	Salter/Blake Family	Birth Date:	4/6/15					
	Weight: 741	Height: 47 1/2						
27	Suncrest Farms	Suncrest Bud Light	Male	15.90	1.00	0.47	3.95	0.16
	Salter/Blake Family	Birth Date:	1/30/14					
	Weight: 1593	Height: 54 1/2						
30	Willow Valley	WV Princess C200	Female	12.18	1.63	0.40	3.49	0.33
		Birth Date:	4/3/15					
	Weight: 748	Height: 45 1/2						
32	Willow Valley	Big Deal C'Denice 3C	Female	10.38	1.79	0.43	3.93	0.27
		Birth Date:	3/29/15					
	Weight: 579	Height: 44 1/2						
33	Willow Valley	Miss Willow B3NH	Female	14.71	1.47	0.50	3.74	0.35
		Birth Date:	9/6/14					
	Weight: 999	Height: 48 3/4						
34	Willow Valley	WV Chisolm	Male	10.82	1.84	0.44	2.95	0.17
	Brown, Jon	Birth Date:	5/28/15					
	Weight: 589	Height: 42 3/4						
35	Willow Valley	WV Commander	Male	11.17	1.57	0.36	3.65	0.18
		Birth Date:	4/18/15					
	Weight: 710	Height: 44 3/4						
36	Willow Valley	WV Challenger	Male	13.75	1.70	0.44	2.80	0.18
		Birth Date:	2/8/15					
	Weight: 808	Height: 45 3/4						
37	Willow Valley	Bullet of Snapshot NH	Male	16.22	1.25	0.50	4.05	0.25
		Birth Date:	9/13/14					
	Weight: 1294	Height: 54						

Champion

Reserve Champion

All Galloway entries for the 2016 NWSS Galloway show were required to be weighed and hip height measured on site. Additionally, the option to have animals ultrasounded was also available.

The data at left are from the 37 animals that were ultrasounded. Please note that no standard feeding protocols were followed. Some calves may have had creep, others none. Some may have been fed heavily since weaning, others not so much. Some bulls had been running with cows, others not. But the data are a starting point, and give a snapshot of what Galloway genetics look like 'under the hide' for these seven breeders.

You may contact the breeders for additional information on their specific feeding protocols.

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Long time Galloway breeder Marlow Edgar Jurisch, former operator of KUBE Galloways, passed away September 30, 2015 in Rapid City, SD. He was 84. He was born April 1, 1931, at the family homestead on Kube Table near Scenic, SD. He was the third son of Clarence and Goldie Jurisch. He attended Kube Table Grade School; then graduated from Brookings Ag College in 1950. Joanne Klien became his beloved wife on March 31, 1951. That fall he enlisted in the US Navy to proudly serve in the Korean War. After four years in California, he returned home to raise a family, Galloway cattle, and blue heeler dogs. Throughout the years he was an active member of the Galloway Association and an avid participant of 4-H and national livestock shows. Marlow was recognized in 2013 for his dedication to the Western Jr. Livestock Show and 4-H youths. Because of health issues, he and Joanne started a new venture called M & J Auctions and Wyndhaven Kennels consisting of Jack Russel champion dogs. With the loss of his wife in 2009, he sold the kennels. On Sept. 17, 2011, he exchanged vows with Dorothy Bruhn of Rapid City. She survives, as do children Max Jurisch, Rapid City, Ruth (Dan) Filipek, Fort Pierre, Martin (Pat) Jurisch, Hereford, Ellen (Miri) Searles, Piedmont, Russell (Linda) Jurisch, Shreveport, LA, Sueann (Chris) Trigg, Sioux Falls, Nola (Rob) Morgan, Sioux Falls, and Justin Jurisch, Redfield.

Galloway: The BE\$T kept secret in the beef industry.

Class#202A - Bulls calved April - June 2015

Place	Animal Name	Owner	Exhibitor
1st	Willow Valley Chisolm	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK
2nd	Willow Valley Commander	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK
3rd	Brass Ring Cornelius 18C	Susan Waples - Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT	Susan Waples - Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT

Class#203A - Bulls calved January - March 2015

Place	Animal Name	Owner	Exhibitor
1st	HB Classified 3405	Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Kindred, ND	Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Kindred, ND
2nd	Willow Valley Challenger	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK
3rd	CK Chief 15C	Madison Schumacher - Prairie Rapids Cattle Co. of Fort Benton, MT	Madison Schumacher - Prairie Rapids Cattle Co. of Fort Benton, MT



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Class#102A - Heifers calved April - June 2015

Place	Animal Name	Owner	Exhibitor
1st	WV Princess C200	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK	Jon Brown - Willow Valley of Chickasha, OK
2nd	CK Chantilly 50C	Shawn Schumacher - CK Galloways of Fort Benton, MT	Shawn Schumacher - CK Galloways of Fort Benton, MT
3rd	Bar R Hilda 16C	Darrell Riemer - Bar R Galloways of Alden, MN	Darrell Riemer - Bar R Galloways of Alden, MN

Class#103A - Heifers calved January - Mar 2015

Place	Animal Name	Owner	Exhibitor
1st	HB Claire 4715	Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Kindred, ND	Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Kindred, ND
2nd	Brass Ring Cordelia 9C	Susan Waples - Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT	Susan Waples - Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT
3rd	RFLTD Calamity Jane C4	Judy Decker - Renaissance Farms Ltd of Emporia, KS	Judy Decker - Renaissance Farms Ltd of Emporia, KS

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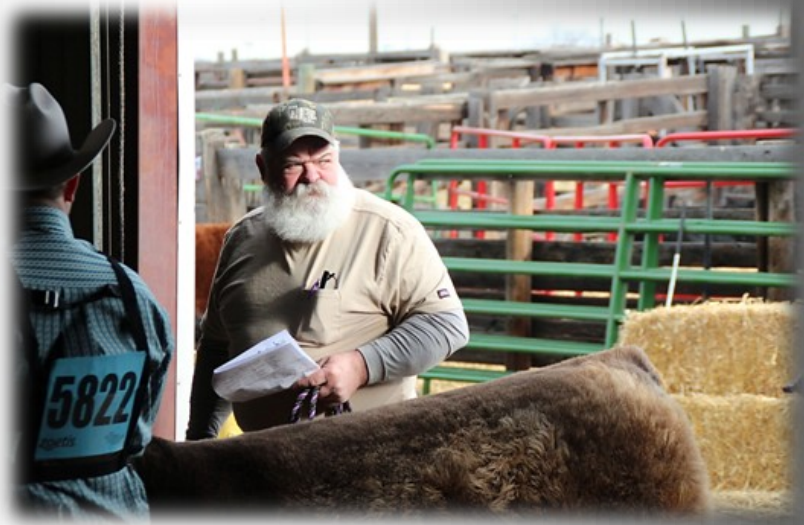
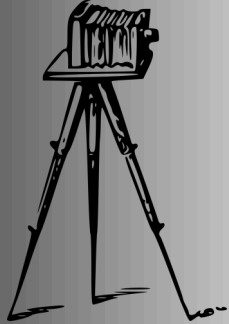
Photographer's Corner

Kudos to Bill Decker for capturing some wonderful photographs of the Galloway happenings in The Yards, 2016



Top to bottom: Susan Waples with Neal Hannon, Crystal Blake, Susan Waples with Miranda Hayes and Ed Hayes.

Galloway: The BEST kept secret in the beef industry.



Top to bottom: Chuck Cole, Darrell Riemer with Lorna Riemer. Right: Jonna McCullough, Laurie McCullough, Judy Decker, Madison Schumacher



Congratulations

to winners of the semen drawing at
AGBA's NWSS Bull Alley Display!

Scott Parker, Marvel, CO, selected
Late Jake (owned by Hang 5
Galloways)

Jeremy Johnson, Blossom, TX,
selected MOTO MOTO (owned by
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**AGBA Director
Sarah Bowman,
Hang 5 Galloways
WY**

MEET THE DIRECTORS

Hello, my name is Sarah Bowman of Sheridan, WY. This is my story of how I got involved with Galloway cattle and some of the things I have noticed about the breed in the last 20 years

In 1994 I got control of the family ranch where I was born and raised. I decided to start running a herd of cattle. The ranch is outside of Sheridan WY in the chinook belt at a mile high. In the winter it can go from being in the 60's during a Chinook to well below zero within an hour. I had seen an ad in an old Beef Magazine for Galloway cattle. It told of their carcass quality and their wintering ability. I was intrigued, but the address was not right and I could not find them. I went to the auction and bought 75 crossbred Angus cows. But I continued to search for Galloway cattle. In the fall of 1995 I stumbled on 25 Galloway cow calf pairs being sold in Greybull WY. I arranged to purchase them and my passion for the breed began.

As I reflect on my years of raising Galloways I think of what makes the Galloway breed so different from the Angus based cattle I worked/slave-labored with growing up, and tolerance for winter weather is a definite benefit. The Galloway seems to not even notice the wild temperature swings that would make the other cattle all huddle together in a corner. Nor do they notice the hurricane like winds that can roar off the face of the mountain. In the summer the flies don't seem to bother them, as their hide is thicker than other cattle and the flies just can't get in.

The cow rarely needs help calving and not only will she protect the calf, but so will the whole herd. This is something that can be quite starting to someone that is used to other breeds. When one goes to tag Angus calf you are just dealing with one cow. This is not so with Galloways, as the bawling calf is defended by every Galloway cow and while it is disconcerting to be surrounded by the herd, none will run you over. This is a very handy trait when living in a place with many predators. The cow is also very long lived. It is not unusual for 14 and 15 year old cows to be still having calves on my ranch. The Galloway will browse brush that other cattle won't touch. I spend many hours in the summer just watching with amazement what the cows are eating. They seem more like a

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Directors, from pg 15

deer than a cow. This is a handy trait on my place where it seems like there is more brush and weeds than grass. And in the winter they will almost completely clear a pasture of sage brush if they are confined in the area.

The above traits are some of what makes me love the Galloway breed from day to day, but the carcass quality is the bottom line in our operation. To me this is the most important part of raising beef cattle. It all comes down to how does it eat. The first Galloway steer I killed (1997) was alright, but not the great experience that I had expected. This got me on the now 20 year long quest for breeding the perfect carcass animal. During this time I have had many groups of cattle fed out in the feedlot, retaining ownership to the rail, and have had many groups of feeders fattened in the grass fed industry. And recently I have sold into an all natural fed beef program. Carcass quality is always improving.

The Galloway has so much to offer, but the meat quality is what raises it above other breeds. It is all about the consumer and the end product. And we purebred breeders need to be vigilant in raising good sound animals, while constantly keeping in mind the quality of the end product.

Once the consumer tastes a top quality Galloway steak, they WILL ask for it by name.